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President Barack Obama 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituents in Pennsylvania's 9th Congressional District. Like you, I am deeply concerned regarding the recovery of our nation's economy. As a part of those recovery efforts, I have received numerous inquires from my constituents concerning the details and mechanisms though which funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111-5) will be distributed.

I am requesting your assistance in providing my constituents with information on how they can access and apply for funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

While I applaud your commitment to transparency in government, much more must be done to ensure that the money in the stimulus will be spent accurately and openly. It is imperative that a system be put in place to fully disclose to my constituents and the American people how the federal government and the states receiving that money will put it to use, and how it will be distributed.

I look forward to hearing from you and sharing with my constituents the specifics regarding the distribution and application procedures for these funds. I also look forward to working with you and your Administration to move our nation forward.

Sincerely,

Bill Shuster

Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Rahm Emanuel, White House Chief of Staff Mr. Phil Schiliro, Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs